

BEATITUDES OF FRIENDSHIP

By Mary Mae Oesch

Blessed is the friend who is living testimony to the truth that God is love. He is God's ambassador in a love-hungry world.

Blessed is the friend who completes a helpful task without stopping to ask, "What's in it for me?" He will garner the fruits of unselfish giving.

Blessed is the friend who respects everyone's right to be his individual self. He is no carbon copy and does not require others to be reprints.

Blessed is the friend with an open-door policy of the heart and the home. He makes everyone feel at ease, worthy, and glad to be alive.

Blessed is the friend who tears down walls and builds bridges. He shares the human condition with grace, understanding, and a unity of spirit.

Blessed is the friend who chooses to look beyond another's weakness to the potential strength and beauty of soul that is man's divine heritage.

Blessed is the friend who can say, "I love and honor you," in ten different languages without having spoken a word.

Blessed is the friend who does not carp or criticize, but has a healthy acceptance of himself and others.

Blessed is the friend who cannot hold a grudge, but is quick to forgive and forget graciously.

Blessed is the friend who will not stoop to mudslinging or malice. His joy is in building up, not belittling others.

Blessed is the friend who is spurred by a spirit of cooperation, not competition. His reward is the warmth of shared accomplishment and fellowship.

Blessed is the friend whose heartfelt greeting spreads sunshine, and elicits a cheerful response.

Blessed is the friend who rejoices in helping another to become his best self, then rejoices again when the pupil surpasses the teacher.

Blessed is the friend in whom others confide, for he never betrays a confidence.

Blessed is the friend who gets rid of the blues by cheering someone else. He knows a precious secret of happiness.

Blessed is the friend whose sincere praise and encouragement can lift up another's sagging spirit and inspire renewed effort.

Blessed is the friend who uses the light of God's love to guide another through the dark.

Blessed is the friend whose love and loyalty continue through the years. He is an anchor on many a stormy sea.

Blessed is the friend to whom friendship and fellowship are a sacred trust and a joy forever.



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By James Dillet Freeman

I am there

Do you need Me?

I am there.

You cannot see Me, yet I am the light you see by.

You cannot hear Me, yet I speak through your voice.

You cannot feel Me, yet I am the power at work in your hands.

I am at work, though you do not understand My ways.

I am at work, though you do not recognize My works.

I am not strange visions. I am not mysteries.

Only in absolute stillness, beyond self, can you know Me as I am, and then but as a feeling and a faith.

Yet I am there. Yet I hear. Yet I answer.

When you need Me, I am there.

Even if you deny Me, I am there.

Even when you feel most alone, I am there.

Even in your fears, I am there.

Even in your pain, I am there.

I am there when you pray and when you do not pray.

I am in you, and you are in Me.

Only in your mind can you feel separate from Me, for only in your mind are the mists of "yours" and "mine."

Yet only with your mind can you know Me and experience Me.

Empty your heart of empty fears.

When you get yourself out of the way, I am there.

You can of yourself do nothing, but I can do all.

And I am in all.

Though you may not see the good, good is there, for I am there.

I am there because I have to be, because I am.

Only in Me does the world have meaning; only out of Me does the world take form; only because of Me does the world go forward.

I am the law on which the movement of the stars and the growth of living cells are founded.

I am the love that is the law's fulfilling.

I am assurance.

I am peace.

I am oneness.

I am the law that you can live by.

I am the love that you can cling to.

I am your assurance.

I am your peace.

I am one with you.

I am.

Though you fail to find Me, I do not fail you.

Though your faith in Me is unsure, My faith in you never wavers, because I know you, because I love you.

Beloved, I am there.

[A copy of "I Am There" is now on the moon... carried there on the Apollo XV voyage by Astronaut James B. Irwin, and left on the moon for future space voyagers.]

ALL THE EARTH PROCLAIM THE LORD
(Psalms 100)

Antiphon:

All the earth pro-claim the Lord, Sing
your praise to God.

Verses:

1. Serve you the Lord, heart filled with glad-ness.
Come in-to God's pres-ence sing-ing for joy!

2. Know that the Lord is our cre-a-tor.
Yes, God is our Ma-ker; we are God's own.

3. We are the sheep of God's green pasture,
For we are God's people; the Lord is our God.

4. Enter God's gates bring-ing thanks-giv-ing,
O en-ter God,s courts while singing God's praise.

5. Our Lord is good; God's love en-dur-ing,
God's word is a-bid-ing, now for all time.

6. Honor and praise be to the Ma-ker, ~~Amixit~~
~~Jeems~~ Je-sus and the Spir-it, world without end.

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